

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 44-56 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 44, and 55 are amended.

A telephone call was received from Examiner Hieu Hoang on May 13, 2010, requesting that a telephone interview be conducted. The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hoang at the May 13 telephone interview are appreciated.

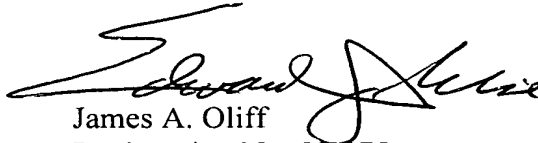
At the telephone interview, Examiner Hoang requested that changes be made to independent claims 1, 44, and 55 to place the application in condition for allowance. The present amendments to claims 1, 44, and 55 reflect the changes discussed and agreed to at the telephone interview.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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